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Sir:

I, Lisa A. Haile, hereby state that the entire delay in filing the required reply, from the due date for the reply to the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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